

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: M. Citron *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 9, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 9, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. A petition for a three-month extension of time, which sets the due date for response up to and including June 9, 2006, is concurrently submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. The remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.